



THE SIREN NEWSLETTER



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Community and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting Schedule McLean District Station

1437 Balls Hill Road
The third Thursday every month at 7 p.m. to coincide with the Station Citizen Advisory Council meetings.

James Lee Community Center (See signage for room)

2855-A Annandale Road
April 25, 20078 at 7 p.m.
July 25, 2008, at 7 p.m.
October 24, 2008, at 7 p.m.

Citizen Advisory Council (CAC)

CAC meets the third Thursday every month at 7 p.m. Meeting locations change and are announced at each meeting. For the next meeting location, please contact the station at 703-556-7750.

Child Safety Seat Inspections

The McLean Station does child seat inspections by appointment only, please call 703-556-7750 ext. 5417 for your appointment. You may also call the Fairfax County Police Child Seat Hotline at 703-280-0559 to find out locations of public child seat inspection events.

The Police Need Your Help



Suspects Sought in Malicious Wounding Case (Case # 1251)

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the teenage boys responsible for seriously injuring a 14-year-old McLean-area boy on Christmas Eve. The victim and two friends were walking in the 2000 block of Westmoreland Street in the Falls Church area at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 24. Two teenage boys jumped out of a parked car in the church parking lot and ran up behind the victim. Unprovoked, the two suspects kicked and punched the victim, knocking him to the ground. They continued to strike him as two other male suspects watched from the car; one suspect videotaped the incident. All four suspects fled in the car.

The victim and his friends sought help from a passerby, who drove them to a residence. The victim was then transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and treated for his injuries.

The two suspects who assaulted the victim were described as white males in their late teens. The first suspect was about 6 feet tall and 180 pounds. He had shoulder-length, curly, red hair and was wearing a white T-shirt. The second suspect was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and 170 pounds. He had dark brown hair and was wearing a dark-colored T-shirt and sweat pants. The suspect vehicle was a beige or gold-colored Subaru Forrester.

Anyone with information on these four suspects or the malicious wounding incident is asked to call Fairfax County Crime Solvers at **1-866-411-TIPS (8477)** or Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131. A \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to an arrest and indictment. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.



Scam Artists Targeting the Elderly

Police are investigating at least four incidents in which elderly victims in their 70s were scammed out of several thousand dollars in cash. In all the cases, the victims were approached by a very well-dressed man in shopping centers in the Beacon Hill and Hybla Valley areas. The man asked about the victims' church and how he could donate a large sum of money. He further explained he is visiting from Africa and here to collect on an insurance policy but cannot take the money home with him.

The victims eventually drove the suspect to a church where they were met by another well-dressed man. The victims were asked to show their "good faith" money before the suspects handed over the donated cash, which was put in a scarf or bandana. The victims withdrew thousands of dollars and during a prayer, the suspect switched the money with a different scarf of shredded newspapers. Both suspects then left together.

The suspects were described as black, between 40 and 50 years old. They appeared to be well-educated and one was described as having an African accent.

Police are warning citizens not to volunteer their own money in exchange for more. Always verify any charity organization before donating money. If anyone thinks they may be a victim or has information, please call Crime Solvers at **1-866-411-TIPS (8477)** or Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

2007 End of the Year Crash Data

Below are some of the final numbers for 2007 as they pertain to crash data in Fairfax County. Many jurisdictions around us are reporting increases in crashes, as well as fatalities, however our numbers in Fairfax County are down.

Fatality counts:

- Virginia 2007 year-end: 1,004 fatalities (2006: 941 fatalities)
- 2007 Fatal Crash Totals: 52 people were killed in 47 crashes on our roadways in Fairfax Co. (2006: 64 fatalities in 60 crashes)
- 2007 Fairfax County under age 21: 11 fatalities
- 2007 Fairfax County Pedestrians: 16 (inc. 2 bicyclists) fatalities
- 2007 Fairfax County Motorcyclists: 6 fatalities

Crash counts:

- Total number of reportable crashes in 2007: 17,182 (2006: 18,065)
- Total number of injury/fatal crashes* in 2007: 4,651 (2006: 4,965) (*this is a sub set of all reportable crashes)
- Total number of reportable crashes in 2007 in which at least one driver was under 21: 2,877 (2006: 3,103)
- Total number of injury/fatal (*) crashes in 2007 in which at least one driver was under 21: 923 (2006: 1,011)



Another area of interest to note is the increase in the number of seat belt violations written for 2007. Numerous studies have shown the positive effect seat belts have in preventing injuries and/or death during a crash. Early in 2007 the Traffic Division made seat belt usage and seat belt enforcement a priority. Motor officers attended roll call at each of the district stations and presented training on seat belt enforcement. The response has been great department wide!

2007 number of seat belt violations written: 6196 (2006: 5004)

In addition below are the percentages and numbers of people injured or killed in crashes (this excludes pedestrians and bicyclists) who used NO safety equipment. These numbers indicate a decline for 2007 as well.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
% of injured/killed	7.04%	7.16%	7.26%	6.31%
Number of people	456	445	447	362

Reported by Captain Susan Culin, Commander, Traffic Division, 703-280-0551

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ment Emergency Information Line (703-817-7771, TTY
711) and area media, both radio and television.

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Retail Anti-Theft Operation Results

The Fairfax County Retail Anti-Theft (RAT) teams arrested 180 people this holiday season and recovered over \$223,000 worth of property. RAT teams worked in and around major shopping areas in Fairfax County to identify and arrest amateur and professional shoplifters. Local businesses can experience great loss due to property crimes. Oftentimes property crimes can be linked to identity theft and credit card fraud, which have a devastating effect on individuals and their personal finances.

This year the RAT teams in McLean, Franconia, Fair Oaks and Mount Vernon police districts were successful in curtailing property crimes in the Tysons Corner Mall, Springfield Mall, Fair Oaks Mall and Richmond Highway areas. The teams were in place from November 22 through December 31. The results of the operation are listed below.

*	Total Number of Stolen Vehicles Recovered	2
*	Total Number of Vehicles Seized	8
*	Total Number of Felonies	180
*	Total Number of Misdemeanors	142
*	Total Number of Criminal Charges	322
*	Total Number of Individuals Arrested	180
*	Total Amount of Property Seized or Recovered	\$223,000
*	Counterfeit U.S.Currency Seized	\$8,300
*	94 Rocks of Crack Cocaine were seized, with an estimated street value of \$1,500	



Pedestrian Safety Tips



/// **Cross the street at marked crosswalks** and intersections.



/// **Begin crossing the street on “Walk”** signal.



/// **Before crossing, look** left, right, then left again.



/// **Stay visible after dark** and in bad weather.



/// **Use pedestrian pushbuttons.**



/// **Watch out for trucks and buses backing out** of parking spaces and driveways.

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Pedestrian Safety . . . It's the Law

ARTICLE 9. Protection of Pedestrians.

Section 82-9-1. Pedestrians crossing highways or streets. (See note below)

- (a) When crossing highways or streets, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly pas-
sage of vehicles. They shall cross whenever possible only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Where any inter-
section of highways or streets contain no marked crosswalks pedestrians shall not be guilty of negligence as a mat-
ter of law for crossing at any such intersection or between intersections when crossing by the most direct route.
- (b) Pedestrians may cross at an intersection diagonally when all traffic entering the intersection has been halted by
lights, semaphores or signals by a peace or police officer. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-221.)

Section 82-9-2. Right-of-way of pedestrians. (See note below)

- (a) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway or street shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing such
highway or street within any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block, or at any
regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the
end of a block, or at any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maxi-
mum speed does not exceed thirty-five miles per hour, except at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of
traffic is being regulated by law enforcement officers, uniformed school crossing guards, or traffic direction devices
where the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law enforcement officer, uniformed school crossing
guard, or device.
- (b) No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.
- (c) The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or
come to a complete stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.
- (d) Pedestrians crossing highways or streets at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles
making turns into the highways or streets being crossed by the pedestrians. (3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-222; 37-76-
82; 35-02-82.)

Section 82-9-3. Pedestrians stepping into highway or street where they cannot be seen., (See note below)

Pedestrians shall not step into that portion of a highway or street open to moving vehicular traffic at any point
between intersections where their presence would be obscured from the vision of drivers of approaching vehicles by
a vehicle or other obstruction at the curb or side, except to board a passenger bus or to enter a safety zone, in which
event they shall cross the highway or street only at right angles. ((3-13-63; 1961 Code, § 16-223.)

Note: For similar state laws, see Va. Code Ann., § 46.2-923, § 46.2-924, § 46.2-926.



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County Police, Commander of Personnel Division 703-246-7562, TTY 703-204-2264 or the Virginia Relay Cen-
ter TTY 1-800-828-1120.
Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.



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